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Americana Week 2009
Important American Furniture and Folk Art
Important American Silver
Chinese Export Art and the Hodroff Collection, Part III

Location – Wednesday & Friday, January 21-23, 2009

Sale nos: 2310, 2261, 2132, 2133– Top Ten

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

Sold:	\$ 6,305,251	£ 4,602,833	€ 4,853,927
Lots Sold: 391	Lots Offered: 578	Sold by Lot: 68% avg.	Sold by \$: 66% avg.
Exchange Rate: £ = \$ 1.39 / € = \$ 1.30			

Lot	Description	Estimate (\$)	Purchase Price	Buyer
205	Charles Pearle Polk, <i>George Washington at Princeton</i> 1767-1822, oil on canvas WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST	300,000-500,000	\$662,500 £476,619 €509,615	The Mount Vernon Ladies Association
206	Tompkins Harrison Matteson, <i>George Washington at Valley Forge</i> , 1813-1884, oil on canvas WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST	300,000-500,000	\$314,500 £226,259 €241,923	US Private
141	A very rare "Priestly Blessing" dinner service	25,000-40,000	\$278,500 £201,811 €215,891	European Private
216	A Chippendale carved mahogany card table New York, 1760-1780	100,000-150,000	\$254,500 £183,094 €195,769	Leigh Keno Traditional/ Modern
66	An extensive famille rose dinner service, circa 1775-80	60,000-80,000	\$230,500 £167,029 €178,682	European Private
40	A monumental silver-gilt and carved ivory tankard mark of Tiffany & Co., New York, circa 1901	200,000-300,000	\$230,500 £165,827 €177,308	American Private
157	A William and Mary maple easy chair Boston, 1725-1735	100,000-150,000	\$218,500 £157,194 €168,077	Levison & Cullen Gallery
184	A Chippendale walnut marble-top pier table Boston, 1740-1750	120,000-180,000	\$158,500 £114,029 €121,923	US Private
62	A pair of famille rose "Soldier" vases and covers	100,000-150,000	\$146,500 £106,159 €113,566	Latin American Private
238	A pair of classical gilt-stenciled rosewood dolphin- support card tables, attributed to Deming and Bulkley, New York City 1815-1825	70,000-100,000	\$86,500 £62,230 €66,538	U.S. Private

Margot Rosenberg, Head of Department, comments: "It is appropriate that during this historic presidential inauguration week George Washington emerged as the star of today's Americana sale. The top two lots – both portraits of Washington – achieved world auction record prices. We're pleased that *George Washington at Princeton* by Charles Peale Polk was acquired by the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, the non-profit organization that owns and operates Washington's historic Mount Vernon estate. In all, buyers were selective but active, and chose items of great rarity and distinguished provenance."

Becky MacGuire, Head of Chinese Export Art, comments: "These solid sale results demonstrate the underlying strength of the market for the traditional decorative arts, as bidders from Asia, Europe, Latin America and the U.S. competed vigorously for high quality property from old collections. The very rare "Priestly Blessing" dinner service doubled the previous U.S. record for a dinner service, proving that knowledgeable buyers always appreciate an opportunity to acquire the best of the best."

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